

Claim 6 (Twice Amended). A magnetic tape head for reading from and writing to a magnetic tape moving across the head, comprising:

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- a substrate having a gap side surface;
  - a closure having a gap side surface that opposes and is separated from said gap side surface of said substrate by a gap;
  - a thin film layer deposited on said gap side surface of said substrate in said gap, wherein said thin film layer comprises a plurality of recording tracks [track layer and has a nonplanar topology along said gap];
  - a plurality of gluing vias formed between said substrate and said closure; and
  - adhesive in said gap and said gluing vias.

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Add Claim 21. A multi-track magnetic head, comprising:

- a plurality of tracks;
- a core;
- at least one gluing via located between two adjacent tracks of the plurality of tracks, said
- at least one gluing via in contact with, and extending from, said core; and
- an adhesive inserted into said core and said at least one gluing via.

Add Claim 22. The magnetic tape head of Claim 6, wherein the plurality of gluing vias are trenced in the closure gap side surface and are absent the substrate gap side surface.

Add Claim 23. The magnetic tape head of Claim 6, wherein the plurality of gluing vias are trenced in the substrate gap side surface and are absent the closure gap side surface.

Add Claim 24. The magnetic tape head of Claim 6, wherein the plurality of gluing vias are trenced in the substrate gap side surface and the closure gap side surface.

Add Claim 25. The magnetic tape head of Claim 6, wherein the plurality of gluing vias are interspersed amongst at least a portion of the plurality of recording tracks.

Add Claim 26. The magnetic head of Claim 25, wherein at least a portion of the plurality of gluing vias are located between two adjacent recording tracks.

Add Claim 27. A magnetic head, comprising:  
at least one recording track;